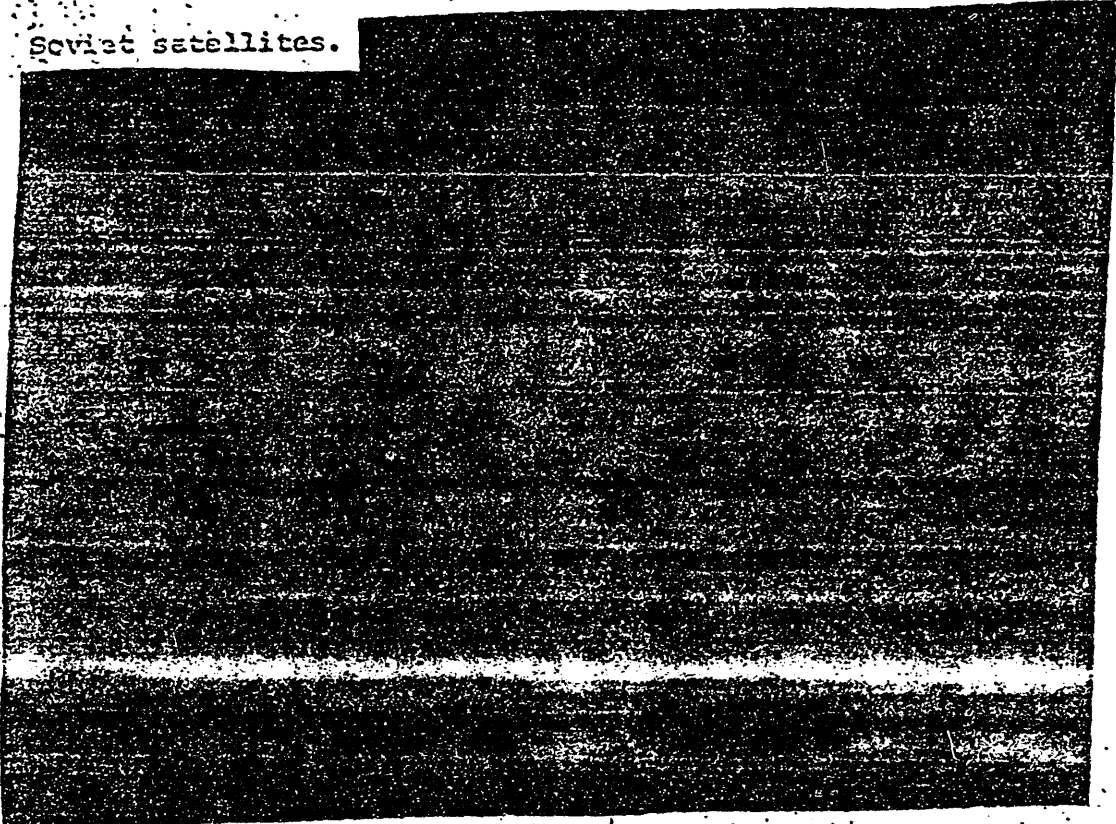


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SUBJECT: Anti-Satellite System

1. In view of the unlikelihood that the U.S. would ever use the [REDACTED] with its nuclear kill mechanism, the Air Force should phase down the system by the end of FY70 or as soon thereafter as possible. ✓
 2. The Air Force, in coordination with DASA, should plan the most economical means of completing R&D launches supported by the [REDACTED] and of maintaining a readiness to test posture if necessary, with minor degradation.
 3. I would like the Army and the Air Force to consider possibilities for a U.S. non-nuclear capability against Soviet satellites. [REDACTED]
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a. Satellite acquisition and identification could be performed by other means. ✓

b. I would be interested in:

(1) Suggestions of possible approaches to achieving the above.

(2) R&D steps which would be necessary to demonstrate such a capability.

(3) Estimate of cost and schedules.

Initial inputs are requested within the next 6 months.

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